



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Primary school students from all over Christchurch have been planning, planting, watering and building their very own garden installations in preparation for the 2nd Oderings School Gardens Show.**

**Presented by the Canterbury Horticultural Society (CHS), the Oderings**

**School Gardens Show opens on Friday 11 March and runs through to Sunday 13 March.**

President of the CHS, Alan Jolliffe says, *"We wanted to demonstrate our commitment to horticultural innovation among the city's younger generation on whom our future depends. To this end it was most gratifying to have Oderings renew its sponsorship of this event in the form of a \$500 purchase voucher for every participating school."*

*"Oderings has always had a close relationship with the CHS and when they approached us to be involved in the School Gardens Show we couldn't think of a better fit. We are proud to be the principal sponsor of the event and very much looking forward to seeing the wonderful creations the children produce."* said Julian Odering, spokesman for Oderings Garden Centres.

To date 10 schools have confirmed their participation in the show; West Spreydon, West Melton, Shirley Intermediate (all entrants in 2015), Opawa, Casebrook Intermediate, Northcote, Halswell, Oaklands, Sumner and Parkview.

Paul McAven from Oaklands School says, *"Our students have enjoyed working outside as they put this project together. They have had some great learning opportunities and chances to use their active thinking skills along the way especially when they have*

*encountered obstacles and setbacks. We can't wait to show off our garden."*

Last years gardens ranged from designs that encourage bees, through to growing your own food, life at the beach and rural Canterbury. The re-use, re-purpose theme in one garden had families all over the city planting up old pairs of jeans! Our judging panel is very excited to see what the children will come up with this year, especially those who are competing for the second time.

All schools are invited to vote for their favourite garden in the School's Choice Award, won last year by Bromley School's playful seaside garden. There is also a People's Choice Award open to all visitors.

The show will be held at the Woolston Club, 43 Hargood St, Friday 11 - Sunday 13 March, 10am - 5pm (Friday & Saturday) 10am-3pm (Sunday).

*Entry by gold coin donation.*

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Image: West Spreydon School's 2015 Gold award garden, "Trash to Treasure"

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